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President's Message

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The elections are over and I would like to thank all the members that took time to vote. The results are as follows:

Vice President Ray Byer
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Division 2 Director Ken Mason
Division 4 Director Bob Thiele
Division 6 Director Don Winn
Division 8 Director, Jim Lemmond

While some of these are returning to the Board, three of the Division Directors will be new to the Board. I want to thank Bob Barnett, Rod Fredericks, Peter Kazmir and Kevin Bergeman for their service to the Board. Remember, the Lone Star Region is your organization. If you don't like what is happening, come to a Board meeting or better yet run for an office. Together we can make this an outstanding Region.

As I write this column, I have just returned from the Sn3 Symposium held in Dallas. No, I am not changing scales, but I was asked by Marc LeChey to do a clinic and help with the contest room. While attending the symposium, I was able to attend several clinics where I could see how people from different areas of the country solve some of their modeling problems.

The opening clinic was a hands-on figure painting clinic. Marc was nice enough to furnish me with an O Scale figure. Warren Judge, a very accomplished military figure painter, taught us how he goes about painting his figures. While this was a 3.5 hour clinic to paint one figure going into great detail, I came away with several tricks that I can add to the way I presently paint figures.

What does all this have to do with the President's column and the Lone Star Region? You can learn from all scales and forms of modeling, just keep an open mind and you might just pick up an idea that will improve your modeling.

The Lone Star Region 2018 Convention is getting closer, June 13-16, have you registered yet? Peter and his team from Division 4 have put together what looks to be another outstanding convention. It will be held just north of Austin in Round Rock at the same hotel we have used in the past.

You can read the full details about the convention in this issue of the Marker Lamp, so I won't go into that here, other than to say that the outgoing NMRA President, Charlie Getz, has decided that the last regional convention he will attend as President will be our Lone Star Region Convention. He said we always make him and his wife, Margaret, feel so welcome.

Be sure to attend the awards banquet at the 2018 Convention, where we will hear about the upcoming conventions – 2019 in Dallas and 2020 in Houston.

Keep this hobby rolling by sharing it with young and old!



Catching Up

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Elevator floor indicator, Santa Fe Building Amarillo, Tx



Auditorium curtain, Santa Fe Building Amarillo, Tx

This issue is reeeeeeeally late and will be a bit confusing an unhelpful because of the time-dependent content not syncing up to the calendar.

My apologies, first off! I got very out of sync this spring and am just now about to catch up to the calendar again. I wanted to make sure the reports got distributed for the readers' benefit as well as for the record. But otherwise, we'll just pretend this didn't happen...?

The next issue is coming soon, which will bring us back in line with the calendar. It will have convention coverage, the upcoming busy fall scheduling in Up the Tracks, and a couple of articles along with the reports of activities around the region.

One of the things that has got me off schedule is the amount of traveling I have been doing for work. I get to see a lot of downtowns in Texas in my role as an architect for the Texas Historical Commission, so I also have ample opportunity to keep an eye out for interesting railroad items.

Check out the interesting model railroad items in this issue even though they are late. Thanks for your patience, and see you again real soon!

Riley

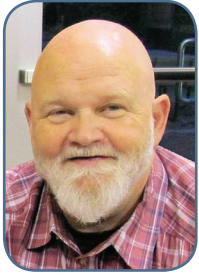


Abandoned peanut warehouse Pearsall, Tx



Santa Fe Building Amarillo, Tx

Up the Tracks Events Calendar



*By Bill Dryden
NMRA & LSR Life Member*

Here are upcoming events within the LSR of which I am aware. I will provide all the information YOU send me or I can glean from other publications, websites, etc., for these events. Additional information may be available through the NMRA Scale Rails and/or various trade magazines or various websites. Also, note that all show times and dates are at the discretion of the sponsoring organization and are subject to change. Please forward any and all information about upcoming events or activities in your area, club, etc., to me via e-mail at bdr149@airmail.net.

Lone Star Region 67th Annual Convention (2018)
Arriving Soon, the Austin Eagle, the 2018 NMRA Lone Star Region Convention!
June 13-17, 2018; Wingate by Windham Hotel and Conference Center; Round Rock, TX
More information at <https://austineagle.org/> or <http://www.lonestarregion.com/>
Come all!!!
PARTICIPATE!!!

RECURRING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

LSR Division 3 - Trinity River Division – Allen

The Trinity River Division meets on the Third Saturday of every month at the Christ Servant Lutheran Church, Allen Texas. Occasionally things change due to scheduling conflicts so pay close attention to the email meeting notices that go out a week before the meeting. If you would like to be added to the email list contact Donna Orr at donnalorrtx@gmail.com.

LSR Division 4 – Cen-Tex Division – Austin

The Cen-Tex Division meets bi-monthly at the Austin Northwest Recreational Center, 2913 Northland Drive, Austin, TX. Meetings are held at 10:00 am on the Second Saturday of the odd months and include clinics, show-and-tell, DCC minute, social activities and a layout open house. For more information about upcoming meetings, see <http://centexnmra.org> or contact director@centexnmra.org to be added to the mail list.

LSR Division 8 - Texas Gulf Division – Houston

The Texas Gulf Division presents hands-on-clinics every second Saturday of each month at the Bayland Center, 6400 Bissonnet, Houston. The clinic times are 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All are welcome. To be added to the Division 8 mailing list contact Jim Lemmond at jimlem@comcast.net. The Division 8 web site is <http://texasgulfdivision.org/>

Alamo Model Railroad Engineers - San Antonio

The Alamo Model Railroad Engineers meets the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Zucht Building at the Texas Transportation Museum, 11791 Wetmore Rd., San Antonio TX. For more information call Peter Shavney (210) 317-3661 or Gene Turner (210) 355-2777; or visit the web site www.alamomodelrailroadengineers.com.

Austin Model Railway Society - Austin

The Austin Model Railway Society is an HO scale modular group that is open to new members and meets once a month. For more information please email Riley Triggs at president@austinrailway.org or visit the web site www.austinrailway.org.

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New Braunfels Railroad Museum

Kids Fun Day is held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. New Braunfels Railroad Museum, 302 South San Antonio Street, in the 1907 Restored Railroad Depot; New Braunfels, TX. Museum phone (830) 627-2447. Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to run model trains and become a Jr. Engineer. Also among the displays at the Kids Fun Day will be a large US Army Model Garden (G) Scale and Lego Trains. Visit our Steam Engine, Caboose, Dining Car (available for Birthday Parties) and Box Car. There will be other fun, train related activities, additional model trains, train artifacts, our 1907 depot are on display. The Railroad Museum opens at 10:00 am on Saturdays. For field trip scheduling and more information, call Howard Young (210) 542-6121, or visit us at www.nbrm.org.

North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs – Irving

The North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs (NTC) meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Visit the website www.dfwtrainshows.com for more information about the NTC, its meeting site or member clubs.

Texas Northern Model Railroad Club – Plano

The Texas Northern Model Railroad Club business meeting is the 1st Thursday of the month and for regular meetings on Thursday evenings and most Saturdays. If you like to operate, come by on Tuesday nights to check on our progress in setting up operations. Located in Colin Creek Mall, Plano, TX, outside JC Penney's on the lower level. For more information: www.modelrailroadclub.org.

Texas Western Model Railroad Club – Forest Hills

The Texas Western Model Railroad Club meets for its business meeting every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The Club is located at 6808 Forest Hills Drive, Forest Hills, TX. For more information: (682) 587-2092 or www.twmrc.org or email cdo@twmrc.org.

EVENTS AND SHOWS

May

- 19th Train Show & Swap Meet – Lone Star Division, TCA. Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: (not specified). Garden Ridge Community Center, 9500 John T. Phillips Parkway, Garden Ridge, TX. More information: Pat Halpin (210) 666-5607.
- 19th – 20th Historic Jefferson Train Show. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adult \$7, Kids under 6 Free. 223 W. Austin Street, Jefferson, TX. More information: Norman Bell (903) 240-6039, or <http://historicjeffersontrainshow.com/>.
- 25th – 26th 24 Hours @ Saginaw. (Sponsored by, North Texas Chapter, NRHS, Saginaw Chamber of Commerce and Choo Choo Express Trackless Trains). Fri. 7:00 p.m. to Sat. 7:00 p.m. Saginaw Heritage Center (the depot), 301 S. Saginaw Boulevard, Saginaw, TX. For more information, visit the event's Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/24hoursatSaginaw/about/?ref=page_internal.

July

- 28th – 29th CLMRR Open House & Old Time Flea Market. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Admission: Free. 3904 Vista Ridge Lane, Alvarado, TX. More information: Lee Martin (817) 666-5367.

September

- 8th North Texas Chapter Meet & Show. Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adult \$6, Family \$9. Collin College Central Park Campus, Conference Center, 2200 West University Drive, McKinney, TX. More information: www.tca-northtexaschapter.org.
- 29th – 30th Dallas Area Annual Fall Train Show. (Sponsored by the North Texas Council of Railroad Clubs). Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adult \$10, Kids under 12 w/ Adult Free, Scouts & Scout Leaders in uniform Free. Plano Civic Centre, 2000 E Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX. More information: www.dfttrainshows.com

October

- 6th Annual Cotton Belt Railroad Symposium. Sam Rayburn Student Center, Texas A&M Student Center, Commerce, TX. For more information: www.cottonbeltroute.com.
- 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – 28th Pumpkin Patch Express – Texas State Railroad. Rusk, TX. More information: www.texasstaterailroad.net.
- 27th – 28th New Braunfels Annual Fall Train Show. (Sponsored by New Braunfels Railroad Museum). Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults 14 & Over \$8, Kids 5 to 13 \$2 Kids under 5 Free. Scouts & Scout Leaders in uniform Free. New Braunfels Civic Center, 375 South Castell Avenue, New Braunfels, TX. More information: www.newbraunfelsrailroadmuseum.org/trainshow.

November

24th Crescent City Model Railroad Club Open House. Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$7, Children 6-12 \$3, 5 and under Free. 601 N Lester Ave, Metairie, LA. More information: <http://www.ccmrc.com>.

December

8th, 15th – 16th Crescent City Model Railroad Club Open House. Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$7, Children 6-12 \$3, 5 and under Free. 601 N Lester Ave, Metairie, LA. More information: <http://www.ccmrc.com>.

January 2019

5th Crescent City Model Railroad Club Open House. Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adults \$7, Children 6-12 \$3, 5 and under Free. 601 N Lester Ave, Metairie, LA. More information: <http://www.ccmrc.com>.

March 2019

16th – 17th Cotton Belt Historical Society, Tyler TAP Chapter Annual Train Show. Sat. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sun. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Adults \$7, Kids under 12 Free. Tyler Rose Garden Center, 420 Rose Park Drive, Tyler, TX. For more information: Steven Garbarino (903) 388-5354, or www.cottonbeltdepotmuseum.com.

Excursion Train Trips

Austin Steam Train; Cedar Park, TX; (512) 477-8468; www.austinsteamtrain.org

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Old Hickory Railroad; Jackson, LA; (225) 634-7397; www.louisianasteamtrain.com

Texas State Railroad; Palestine & Rusk, TX; (888) 987-2461; www.texasstaterr.com

Please consider our deadlines for submittals and publications to allow adequate lead time to correctly announce your event – Column submission deadlines are the 15th of January, April, July and October; publication of the Marker Lamp is the middle of the following month.



Crescent City Model Railroad Club

National Train Day Open House

May 12, 2018

Show Time 12 noon – 6 pm



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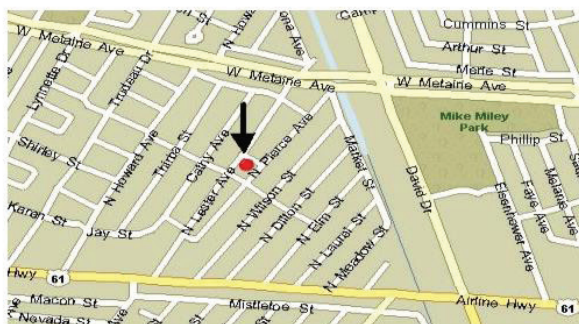
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The Crescent City Model Railroad club in Metairie, Louisiana still has a few of its Accurail Crescent Lines 50 foot HO Scale boxcar that was made to celebrate its 60th Anniversary in 2016. It is available for a donation of \$30.00 for each car, plus \$6.00 shipping for the first car and \$2.00 for each additional car ordered. It is available in one road number that commemorates the clubs founding in March of 1956. Extra decals are also available for just \$4.00 per set. To place an order, please send your payment made out to CCMRC for the correct amount to:



Crescent City Model Railroad Club
601 N. Lester Ave
Metairie, LA 70003-6131



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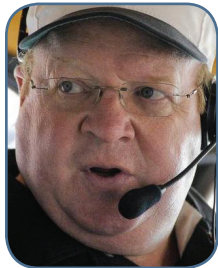
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Thank you for supporting the Crescent City Model Railroad Club!

Director Reports



Cowcatcher Division 1

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Amazing how time flies, right? It was just twelve short months ago that we started monthly meetings in Division 1 and look how things have grown. Our attendance has reached a monthly average of around 40. Our clinics are being enjoyed by all, and many modelers are improving their skills.

The Achievement Program within our division is growing by leaps and bounds. We've established a new recruiting booth and test track. Our meeting location is one of the best ever thanks to the Texas Western Model Railroad Club.

Finally, your team of managers work so well together that this well-oiled machine makes my job so satisfying. I'd like to thank everyone in our division for contributing to our cumulative success.



Bayou Division 2

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Hello Everyone, my name is Ken Mason, and I am the new Division 2 Director for the Bayou Division of the Lone Star Region, NMRA. I am a member of the Crescent City Model Railroad Club in Metairie, Louisiana where I am currently the Vice-President of the club. I will do my best to increase awareness of the NMRA within our division and hope to be able to help us gain some new members too.

If you were not aware, we do already have a Division 2 Facebook page up and running. If you have any pictures or announcements that you would like to have on the page, please either contact me directly by cell at 504-722-6610, email (series9parts@cox.net) or just post your information or pictures on the page as a visitor and I will be glad to share it on the page. Look for it on Facebook under Lone Star Region Division 2. I hope that everyone reading this will take the time to check out the page and like it so that more hobbyists in our area can keep up to date on the latest happenings in our division.

Upcoming Events in Division 2

Operations are getting running again on the Crescent Lines at the Crescent City Model Railroad Club in Metairie, Louisiana, as the crew is building new trains and jobs in the JMRI system. Some recent practice and test operating sessions have gone well and the hope is to start operating on a more regular basis. The building has also had some attention lately with new siding along the entry wall and the long wall along N. Lester Ave. There is also a new awning over the entry door to help keep rain off of members entering in bad weather. Another club member Amtrak trip is in the works with a trip being planned to the Lake Charles area on the Sunset Limited probably sometime in July. The club is also gearing up for the Holiday Season with a number of open house dates starting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Be sure to check the clubs Facebook page and website for more information and the complete schedule of open house dates.

The Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders in Jackson, Louisiana are open every 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month and is free to the public. They have displays in all scales ranging from N to G and everything in between and even a live steam track outdoors. They have 2 buildings that are loaded with trains of all kinds. Look forward to a live steam steam up day in Jackson, Louisiana on October 27, 2018.

Blane Deroche of the Greater Baton Rouge Model Railroaders is hosting another Train Day at the Lutcher Library. The show date is July 21, 2018. Show time is 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The location is the Lutcher Library at 1879 W. Main St, Lutcher, Louisiana.

The next Baton Rouge TCA club Train Show and Sale will be held again in conjunction with the Ponchatoula Trade Days on November 3, 2018. It will again be at the First Baptist Church gymnasium at 325 E. Pine Street in Ponchatoula.

The Mid-south Model Railroad Club in Baton Rouge is still seeking new members. They currently have 20 full members and 3 associate members. Membership is still very much open and new members are always welcome. The railroad itself is back 100% fully functional and the club has run several closed operating sessions. The club is open to visitors on Tuesday evenings after 7:00 pm or on weekends. Please contact the club thru their Facebook page or via email at Mid-South1069@yahoo.com to see if anyone will be on site. They will also be hosting a public operating session on June 2.

Out in the Lake Charles Area is located the Lake Area Model Railroaders. They are located in the Lake Charles Children's Museum at 327 Broad Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. They have a functioning display layout called the Sweet Lake and Gulf Railroad.

Be on the lookout for some upcoming clinics to be held in our division. I hope to start having educational clinics in and around the division in the future. If anyone would like to volunteer to present a clinic, please contact me. Remember, clinic presentation can count toward your AP certificate for Model Railroad Author.

If anyone in the division has any news or events they would like to have passed along to our members, please be sure to contact me at series9parts@cox.net. I am also looking for any contact information for any modelers or clubs in the Covington and Lafayette area of the division.

Modular Group Formation

The Lone Star Region Division 2 of the NMRA is also working on putting together a HO scale modular group to set up and run trains at local train shows. It will not be a formal club, but NMRA membership will be required to participate. We will follow NMRA standards and recommended practices for modules. Come join us and don't just visit the train show, come and be a part of the train show and run your trains on a modular layout for all to enjoy.

We first need to start with four corners to make a loop and then we can expand with straight sections that will be 30 X 40 inches. It will be a double track mainline and eventually hope to expand into enough straight modules to include a yard to switch out and store trains. The CCMRC is working on plans for four corner modules to get this started and to use as a running display at the New Orleans Historic Train Garden at City Park for an event that is being planned by that group in October.



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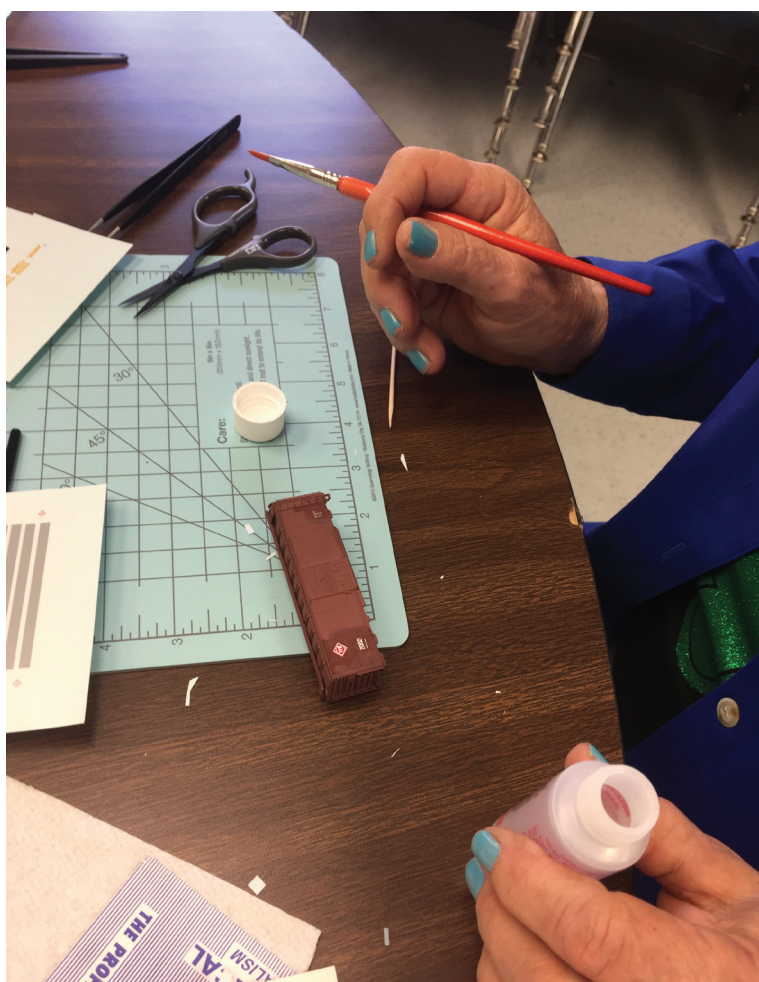
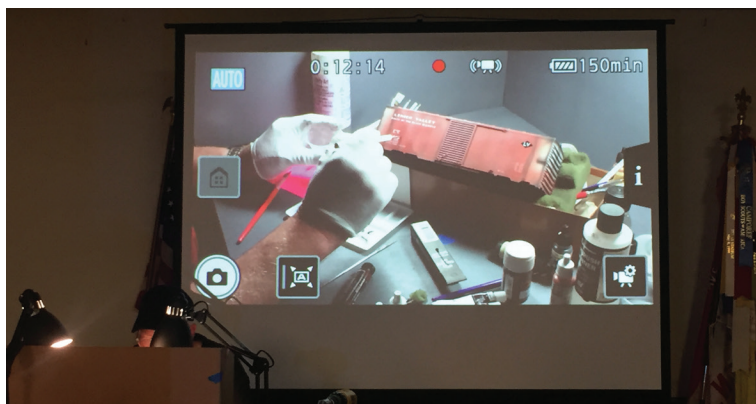
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February was the month that we started our Boxcar Clinics. We went to a home location so we were able to have an area that 43 could airbrush their box cars of any scale. Several paint stations were set up for airbrushing. And we thank Bill Huebner, Duane Richardson and Mark LaChay for heading up the airbrushing stations. For those that did not participate in the airbrushing there were "how to" discussions while the painting was going on.



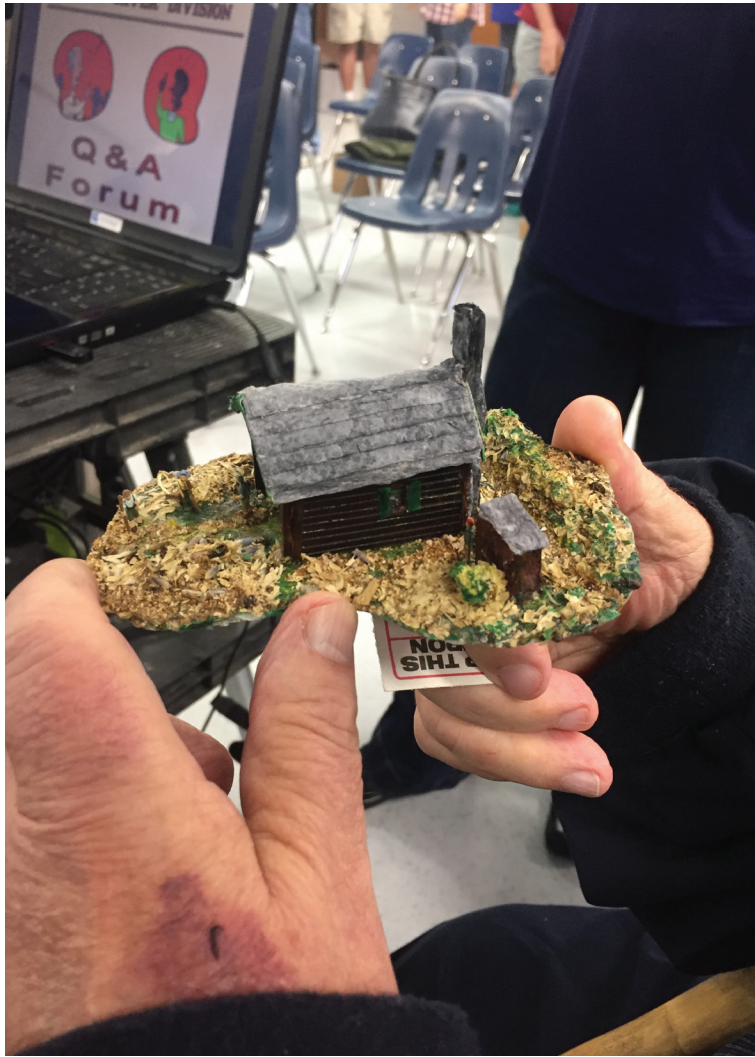
March was our Decal hands on. Those that painted their boxcars last month were able to add decals to their boxcars at this months clinic. There were extra boxcars painted in February, so those that couldn't make February could continue on with decaling.



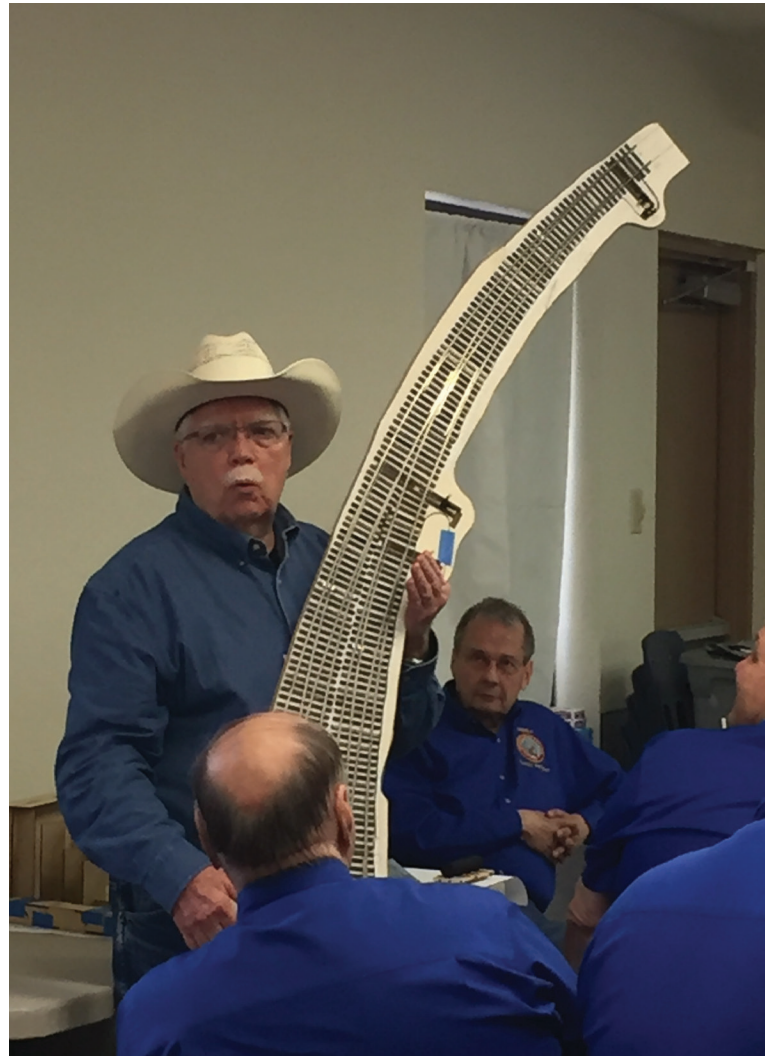


April, ah weathering our boxcars. First Bill Huebner went through a demonstration on using paints to weather and then Duane Richardson gave his demonstration on using pastels.

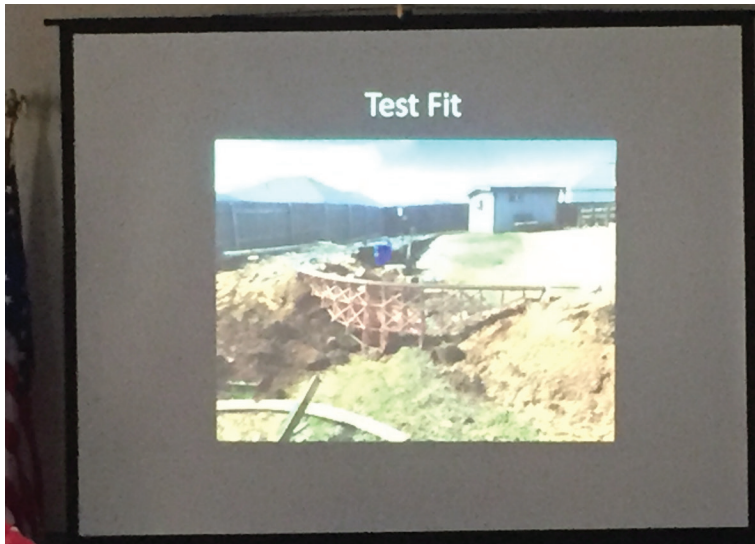
And at every meeting there is show and tell. With some very interesting projects. Here are pictures of just a few.



Everything is made out of pasta



Building a CURVED turnout



Cody and Casey's trestle installation

Going forward we will be building a scene with the box car. So more to come. And then also there will be information on the 2019 LSR Convention. Until next time.

Dennis Rice is our membership chairman, and he is leading a program to keep current members interested and engaged. For details or to help, please contact Dennis at dearroz@gmail.com or Donna at dlo-rls@sbcglobal.net



CenTex Division 4

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We are keeping busy in Central Texas!

We've had two Division meetups since the last Marker Lamp, in March and May. In March, Jack Merkel, MMR gave a great presentation about the industries he models on his layout, with lots of great background information and details that are easy to model. Afterwards, we toured Kim Saign's outstanding N scale Burlington Northern model railroad.

May has been busy – and we're only two weeks in (as I write this).

First, working with the Austin Model Railway Society, we hosted the 2018 Austin Area Train Show, celebrating 45 years of trains shows here. It was a great success with many families in attendance; among other things, the Texas Brick Railroad's "L Scale" layout was a big hit! (See pictures) We also signed up a few new NMRA and club members, and many folks visited area home layouts. We're already busy planning next year's show (which will be May 4-5, 2019)!

Then, on May 12, we had our most recent meetup, where Steve Jackobs gave a great presentation on tips and tricks he's learned building his shelf layout, the Austin & Taylor & Pacific. (Great railroads come in all sizes!)

Pictures and detailed recaps from each meetup, as well as pictures and information about these and other layouts across our Division, are posted on our website, centexnmra.org. The site also hosts a discussion board open to the public. (And both of those layouts will be hosting operating sessions at the Austin Eagle – your 2018 NMRA Lone Star Region Convention! See below for details!)

On a personal note, this marks my final official duty as Director of the Cen-Tex Division. It has truly been a pleasure working with all of you these past four years. What a great group of people you all are, this is the best place to be a model railroader. I'm looking forward to a spectacular convention next month, then some more time with my own model railroad. But don't worry (or – worry!), I'll still be around, and may even throw my hat into the ring for Division Treasurer. Model Railroading is fun, right?

Thanks for everything – we're in great hands with Bob!



CenTex Division 4

by Bob Thiele

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My name is Bob Thiele, and I am be the new Director of Cen-Tex Division. I am happy to be in this position and hope to make some productive and positive contributions. It is my intention to build on the excellent work of the previous Directors and create an environment where model railroaders come together and create.

Members of the Cen-Tex Division have been very busy on two major projects. By the time you read this the Cen-Tex members will have wrapped up the Train Show in Taylor, Texas. All indications point to a very successful show which includes five model railroad displays and numerous vendors.

The second major event the members are working very hard towards is the LSR Convention in Round Rock, Texas. The convention planning committee has put in countless hours to give NMRA members an enjoyable experience and memories that will last for years. There will be more than 60 clinics and presentations covering a wide range of interests, including some from guests Trevor Marshall (also our keynote speaker), Lance Mindheim and Charlie Getz. Members who enjoy operations sessions will enjoy the layouts which are scheduled for this convention. The scheduled prototype tours, including trips to the Austin Steam Train Facilities and Capital Metro Dispatch Center and Maintenance Facility, should make for pleasurable day trips and the non-rail tours were planned to be fun.

Hope to see you at the Austin Eagle convention in June. All information can be found at austineagle.org.

Our next meeting will be July 14 at the Austin Northwest Recreation Center. Details and directions are available at <https://centexnmra.org/meeting.html>.





Division 5

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Although there has not been a lot of action with our club - the city of Lubbock did present us with a nice surprise. A few years ago our only hobby shop (Wings and Things) went toes. Last month HobbyTown opened shop in Lubbock. Although a little light on train stuff, they have a great inventory of tools, paints and other scratch building supplies. Keith Butler is the owner and Emily (his daughter) is the shop manager. We are glad to have them here. (Disclaimer: neither I nor anyone in my family has any financial interest in Hobby Town).

I gave a clinic last month on how to make stuff look rusted. It was brilliant!



Division 6

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Spring is here, and things are starting to happen in the South Texas Division!

The new South Texas Railroad Socials kicked off on March 24th, and by all measures, it was a huge success. Approximately 40 modelers and railfans attended, and the feedback has been extremely positive. The group has planned their next event for June 30th. Keep checking their website for updated info on the next event. www.southtexasrr.com

The socials follow a format that has proven successful for many NMRA division meetings. The social organizers and myself have talked about where to go from here. With plans to continue the socials, we decided to take a different approach with our division meetings. We will be focused on hands-on clinics where members can learn new skills or practice different techniques.

We held our first Division 6 meeting of the year on April 28th. The focus of the meeting was a free Make-N-Take clinic on creating coniferous trees using the bottle brush method. Seven members attended the event and could try their hand at the 4 different tree machines we had available. Trees were created in N, HO and G scale! A good time was had by all, and some nice trees were created. See photos below.





If you have suggestions for what you would like to see at the next clinic, please drop me a line and let me know. We have been doing some recruiting at the local train shows. In February, we signed up 7 new members (including 1 for Division 4) at the SAMRA Train Show. Thanks to Chuck and Laurie Lind for helping out. In April, we signed up 3 new members (including 2 for Division 4) at the New Braunfels Train Show. Thanks to George Zapalac for helping there.



Besides actually signing up new members, we talked with a number of modelers about what we do and promoted the regional convention. Also, I got a chance to talk with a number of you. Thanks for stopping by!



Division 7

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Division 7 has managed to maintain a fairly stable membership, no major increases nor decreases. That being said, I will admit that I have not done much of anything to increase our membership. I have placed flyers at both of our "local" hobby shops and asked our membership for any leads. When I travel with the KCS's Holiday Express, I always have info sheets available to hand out, unfortunately, a number of our "stops" are outside the LSR's boundaries.

We have not held any Division-wide meetings during the past 6 months. We may have a "workshop" during the upcoming 3 week display that the ArkLaTex Modular will set up at the local Shriner Hospital. They usually set up the last 2 or 3 weeks in June.

I did a couple of Boy Scout merit badge intros, Haynesville, Farmerville and Delhi in the past 6 months, also promoting the benefits of joining our organization.



Texas Gulf Division 8

by Jim Lemond

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Train Shows

The San Jacinto Model Railroad Club's annual train show was held on February 17, 2018, in the Stafford Centre, Stafford, Texas. The attendance was 1200+ paid admissions. The vendors reported very good sales. All vendors' tables were sold out. The clinic sessions were well attended and received. The Division 8/LSR booth sold 14 NMRA memberships during the show.



Chuck Lind, MMR, Presenting a modeling demonstration at the Galveston Railroad Museum Train Show, April 28, 2018

The Galveston Railroad Museum Train Show was held on April 28 and 29, 2018 at the historic Santa Fe Depot in Galveston. The show featured local club layouts displaying Z to G scales. The show included tours of various rail equipment on display at the museum with short train rides powered by the museum's 44 ton diesel locomotive. LSR and Division 8 were represented by a booth manned by Chuck Lind, MMR, Rick Austin and Jim Lemmond. Chuck Lind demonstrated Pan Pastel weathering techniques to all visitors to the LSR Booth.

Division 8 Clinics

The Division 8 clinic series has shown increased attendance beginning with the first clinic session in March. The upcoming "Make 'n Take" two part clinics (July and August) will feature building a freight house in the attendee's scale of choice (N, HO, S and O scales). The Division is currently taking orders for this custom laser cut structure. A link for buying the kit is on the Texas Gulf Division's web site (www.texasgulfdi-

[sion.org/clinics](http://www.texasgulfdi-sion.org/clinics)). Payment is via PayPal or credit card. The kits will be delivered at the July 2018, clinic.

April 14, 2018, the Division sponsored a hands-on clinic featuring Pan Pastel weathering for your model railroad. Loren Neufeld, MMR, presented the clinic. The various techniques of weathering using Pan Pastels were demonstrated and tried by the attendees.

2020 LSR Convention



Division 8 Weathering Clinic, April 14, 2018

Discussions have begun within Division 8 about the 2020 LSR Convention. Items being discussed are: location, convention committee, dates and convention format.

NMRA Convention 2018

Remember the NMRA Convention 2018 will be in Kansas City (<http://www.kc2018.org/>) August 5 – 12, 2018. Tony Koester will be the featured speaker at the Convention Banquet.

2018 National Narrow Gauge Convention

The 2018 National Narrow Gauge Convention will be in Minneapolis (<https://nngc-2018.com/>) September 5 - 8, 2018. The convention is featuring a steam excursion on the North Shore Scenic Railroad in Duluth, Minnesota (<http://northshorescenicrailroad.org/>). The convention will include all the traditional favorites like clinics, contests and loads of layouts to examine. In addition to the cooler climate, September is a very pleasant time to visit Minnesota.

Division 8 Annual Meeting

Division 8 will be holding their annual business meeting and picnic during September/October (date to be determined) at Zube Park in Northwest Harris County with the Houston Live Steamers Club. Stay tuned for more information.

Division 8 2018 Clinic Schedule

May	Basic DCC Programming
June	Smart Phone Throttles
July	Make 'n Take session 1
August	Make 'n Take session 2
September	LEDs for Model Railroaders
October	Backdrops
November	DCC++ Arduino DCC



Division 8 Weathering Clinic, April 14, 2018



Loren Neufeld, MMR, Presenting the Weathering Clinic, April 14, 2018



At-Large

By Marc LaChéy

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This spring, thanks in part to the sponsorship of the LSR, I hosted the 33rd Annual Sn3 Symposium in Garland, TX. The Symposium is a gathering of narrow gauge modelers whose scale of choice is S. The event was well attended with approximately 120 registered guests. Attendees came from Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Washington, Pennsylvania and Florida.

The Symposium featured twelve standard clinics and two special "make and take" clinics. Warren Judge from near Chicago presented a make and take clinic during which attendees learned about painting small-scale figures. Warren taught folks to start with a figure painted black and then how to build the color creating a striking figure.

The next day, LSR Members, Duane Richardson and Bob Brendle taught guests how to build a D&RGW 6000 series flat car. At the start of the clinic, Duane reviewed the various safety and brake appliances on the car. Then Bob showed folks how to weather plastic to appear as weathered wood. Both "make and take" clinics were very popular and sold out.

In keeping with the LSR goal of education, the standard clinic menu featured clinics on electrical tweaks for brass locomotives, modeling with forced perspective, how to create an operating system for your layout and a clinic on everything you needed to know about building a layout.

Layout tours are always a fun part of any model railroad event. Thanks to former Division 3 director, Jerry Hoverson, former LSR President, Jim Packer, current Division 1 director, Mike Mackey, Division 1 members, Leo & Lori Paletti along with others for opening their layouts for visitors during the Symposium

A number of LSR members, many of which model in scales other than Sn3 attended the event. Jeff Palmer, LSR region secretary served as the Webmaster for the Symposium website. LSR members, Dave Griffith and Steele Craver provided support during the event. LSR President, Chuck Lind and Duane Richardson were both contest room winners.

Profits of \$657.00 from the Symposium were donated to the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. As always, having the sponsorship and support of the NMRA through the Lone Star Region was an important part of being able to produce the Sn3 Symposium.

Nominations



by Blake Bogs
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Howdy y'all!

I first want to start by saying thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this wonderful organization again. The opportunity to serve as not only your Nomination Chair, but also as your Director at Large is an immeasurable honor. That being said, let's get down to business! The Lone Star Region had an election and the results are in. The results are as follows:

Ray Byer: Vice President
Jeff Palmer: Secretary
Blake Bogs: Director at Large
Marc LaChey: Director at Large
Riley Triggs: Director at Large
Ken Mason: Division 2
Bob Thiele: Division 4
Don Winn: Division 6
Jim Lemmond: Division 8

I want to congratulate all these wonderful individuals! Welcome to the board of directors!

Next order of business, let's cover some of the fun things going on in Houston!

Petticoat Junction is currently stronger than ever. In March, we had an opportunity to hear John Buckley talk about 3D printing. John presented a great presentation about printing a Z Scale locomotive shell that fit on a chassis perfectly. He even brought in a 3D printer and had it in action! In April we tried something a little different. We had two layouts open to the group. The layouts that we had open belong to Steve Rawley and Tuffy Henderson. These layouts are both N Scale, but pack tons of detail into the scenes! In May, we had Steve Sandifer come and present his Texas and Pacific Steam clinic! The pictures were absolutely breathtaking and truly give us a picture of steam in a bygone era. Come join us if you ever have time! We meet the first Friday of the month at Valley Ranch BBQ.

I, unfortunately, didn't make it to either train show in Houston this year, but I was able to go to the Tomball German Fest! I had the pleasure of volunteering with Mr. Dave (David George) in the caboose for a couple of hours! Many of you will remember Ken Walden at the Tomball Depot. Ken passed

away a few years ago, but John Lockwood and other crew have really stepped up and have been working on and in the depot.

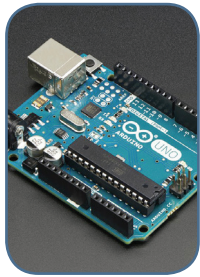
Mr. Dave started volunteering soon after and along with John, built a Lionel Layout in the caboose! It is truly amazing what can be done in a caboose! The kids absolutely love it and it allows the seed of model railroading to be planted for the future. Mr. Dave (George) recently announced that his Z Scale layout "Golden ~ Blackhawk & Central City" will be permanently going on display in the Tomball Depot for many years to come. Mr. Dave's "Golden ~ Blackhawk & Central City" has been everywhere and has won more awards than I could even list!

I haven't been able to model much, but I have made the decision to change to O/On3. I believe I have mentioned this in the past and it was a hard decision. This decision was one I have been considering for a while but was finally made after struggling with a HO_{N3} Kadee coupler for 1 hour then having to reapplying detail parts that fell off in the process. So far I am extremely happy with my decision and looking forward to playing with a new scale.

Well, let me finish this article with my usual pitch. We need help! The 2019 LSR election is around the corner! The positions open are President, Treasurer, Division 1 Director, Division 3 Director, Division 5 Director, and Division 7 Director. The cut off for nominations will be announced soon. Don't miss out! If you have any questions, I'm always available! Superchief1520@gmail.com! I will try to reply to you within 48 hours!

Keep them trains running!

Treasurer Report



by Speed Muller, Treasurer
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As you know, we received a huge donation from Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Delattre, and we already signed 4 new members up who were or are in our defense forces. We would like to encourage Divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 to make use of this too. Find two new members who have been or are active military and the LSR pay for their first year's full membership. Again, "Thank You" to the Delattre family.

Morgan Stanley decided to charge us a \$175 membership fee, so we pulled the money from the fund and then they were kind enough to reverse the fee. We are looking for suggestions to place our money where we can earn some more interest than the fees.

Speed.

Fourth Fiscal Quarter of 2017/2018:

Beginning Balances (2/1/2018)

LSR Unrestricted Accounts \$28,873.36

Morgan Stanley CD Fund \$10,102.48

Beginning Total LSR Net Worth \$38,975.84

[Bob Clarke Award \$ 570.00]

[Division 2 and 7 Rebates \$ 253.00]

[Delattre Fund \$ 1,500.00]

Proceeds

Pike \$ 16.00

NMRA Rebate \$ 917.00

Total Proceeds \$ 933.00

Disbursements

Youth membership awards \$ 189.00

Rebates to Divisions \$ 399.00

Contest Room \$ 382.77

Military memberships from fund \$ 300.00

Contest from Bob Clarke fund \$ 41.14

Website Expenses \$ 50.52

Total Disbursements \$ 1362.43

Net Proceeds-Disbursements \$ 429.43

Morgan Stanley CD Fund Interest \$ 16.00

Morgan Stanley CD Fund Transferred \$10,118.48

Ending Balances (4/30/2018)

LSR Unrestricted Accounts Total \$38,844.05

Total LSR Net Worth \$38,844.05

[Bob Clarke Award \$ 528.86]

[Division 2 and 7 Rebates \$ 312.50]

[Delattre Fund \$ 1,200.00]

Achievement Program



By Duane Richardson, MMR
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To align with the printing deadline of the NMRA Magazine, National has changed the deadline for Achievement Program paperwork submissions. The deadline is now the 21st of each month.

This moves the LSR deadline to the 19th to give me time to process the paperwork, scan it and get it sent to National. Division Directors, please pass this information along to your members and let them know.

Also, let them know if they have some paperwork that may need an extra day have them contact me and I'll work with them to get them in before the deadline.

I have been holding off on this report until I had the report from National for this month since we had paperwork being processed. I'm pleased to report that thanks to the efforts of Tom Crosthwait and John Lowrance who traveled to Mexico to take care of some judging, we have our first AP Certificate awarded south of the border. I know the LSR does not cover Mexico but we will be helping to process their AP work for the time being. My thanks to Tom and John for going above and beyond.

Since last years convention members of the LSR have achieved the following:

Dave Lamberts - Official
Bob Barnett - Civil & Cars
Pete Leach - Author
Don Hand - Author
Tom Greco - Author
David Griffith - Volunteer
John Garfield - Scenery, Volunteer & Civil
Leo Palitti - Volunteer, Scenery & Structures
Lorrie Palitti - Volunteer, Scenery & Structures
Don Formanek - Volunteer
Michael Ross - Scenery
George Zapalac - Dispatcher
Jeff Palmer - Scenery
Ezequiel Duran (from Mexico) - Civil

Bob Barnett's certificates completed his MMR! Congrats to Bob

Youth Awards



by Jim Lemond, Youth Award Chair
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2019 Youth Award Nominations

It's time to be considering a youth for your Division's Youth Award Nominee Each Division may submit one nomination for this award. The qualifications are as follows:

1. Be a student. Anyone under the age of 18 qualifies if they are not already an NMRA member. The NMRA has also made arrangements to allow college students under the age of 25 to qualify as a STUDENT. They must have a CURRENT student ID to the school they are attending – include a photocopy of the ID.
2. Be sponsored by a current NMRA member. The Division Director must approve
3. Be presented by the Division Director at the Annual BOD meeting – one sponsorship per year.
4. LSR Board of Directors approval

Important dates:

December 15, 2018 – LSR Youth Nomination form and student biography emailed or sent to Jim Lemmond jimlem@comcast.net or 2821 Frostwood Circle, Dickinson, Texas 77539. I will then send all nominations to the LSR Secretary, Jeff Palmer by January 5, 2019. All nominations will be submitted to the LSR Board of Directors for approval at the mid-year Board meeting in January 2019. All approved nominees will be invited to attend the LSR June Convention banquet to receive their award.

The information and forms for this award may be downloaded from the LSR web site: <http://www.lonestarregion.com/node/49>

LSR's goal is to have a Youth Award from each Division of the LSR.

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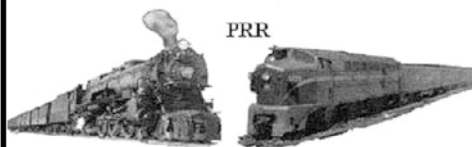
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